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Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 116

Introduced by Assembly Member Chesbro

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 116—Relative to California Craft Brewery Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 116, as amended, Chesbro. California Craft Brewery Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of April 2014 as California Craft Brewery Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California is the birthplace of the craft brewing
2 movement, when Fritz Maytag acquired the Anchor Brewing
3 Company in 1965 and began brewing authentic handcrafted beers;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, California is the home of the first microbrewery,
6 beginning with Jack McAuliffe who built a small brewery in
7 Sonoma from scratch, and began selling New Albion ales in 1977;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The second largest craft brewer in the country,
10 Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, was founded in Chico,
11 California, in 1979, and spurred the craft brewery movement
12 around the country; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1982, Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly
14 Bill 3610 to amend the state's tied-house laws to remove the
15 restriction on on-premises sales of craft beer. Following this change
16 in law, California became home to three of the first five brewpubs
17 in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, The second brewpub in the United States was
19 opened by the Mendocino Brewery in Hopland, California; the
20 third brewpub, opened in September 1984, was Buffalo Bill's in
21 Hayward, California; and the fifth, opened by John Martin in March
22 1986, was Triple Rock Brewery in Berkeley, California; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2012, the California craft brewery industry had
24 an annual impact of \$4.7 billion on the state's economy; and

25 WHEREAS, As of the end of 2012, the California craft brewery
26 industry supported more than 45,000 jobs, which in turn create
27 billions of dollars in positive economic impact; and

28 WHEREAS, The California craft brewery industry creates more
29 revenue for the state and federal governments than many other
30 industries, generating more than \$850 million in federal, state, and
31 local revenues in 2012; and

32 WHEREAS, California now has more breweries than any other
33 state in the country, and in fact has more than twice as many craft
34 breweries as the state within the next highest number, Colorado.
35 The current count numbers more than 440 small, independently
36 owned craft breweries. An average of one in every five craft beers
37 produced in the United States comes from California; and

38 WHEREAS, California is now known and recognized
39 internationally for the quality of its craft breweries. Year after
40 year, Californian breweries win more medals at the World Beer

1 Cup, the largest international beer competition in the world, and
2 the Great American Beer Festival, the largest beer competition in
3 the United States, than breweries found in other states; and

4 WHEREAS, Brewery tourism is increasingly popular and
5 contributes to the economic impact of the state's tourism industry;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The California craft brewing industry is a leader
8 in the stewardship of natural resources and the environment and
9 has made a major commitment to implement sustainable practices
10 that are environmentally sound, including some of the largest solar
11 arrays in the private sector, and the use of fuel cells and other
12 innovative conservation techniques and processes; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite the challenges of intense global
14 competition, the state's craft brewery industry is strong and
15 growing, and is a major contributor to the economic vitality of
16 California; now, therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
18 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims the
19 month of April 2014 as California Craft Brewery Month; and be
20 it further

21 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
22 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.